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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON BURMESE AMBASSADOR THAKIN CHAN TUN.

REF : STATE 167284

1. THAKIN (MASTER) CHAN TUN, BORN 1921, EDUCATED MANDALAY
COLLEGE, MARRIED, FOUR DAUGHTERS, ONE SON.

1938 - ACTIVE MEMBER STUDENT POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

1940'S - MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, ACTIVE
IN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST JAPANESE.

1946 - JOINED BURMA SOCIALIST PARTY. SECRETARY OF MANDALAY
DISTRICT SOCIALIST PARTY.

1951-62 - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES).

1952 - MEMBER OF BURMESE CULTURAL MISSION TO THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

1954-58 - PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AT MINISTRIES OF LAND
NATIONALIZATION, AGRICULTURE AND FOREST, AND TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT.

1958 - LEADER OF BURMESE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW COTTON
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1958 - ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, ALL BURMA PEASANTS'

ORGANIZATION.

1961 - VICE-PRESIDENT, ALL BURMA PEASANTS' ORGANIZATION.

1963 - OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY, ELECTRIC SUPPLY BOARD.

1964 - LEADER OF LABOUR DELEGATION TO USSR.

1964-65 - CHAIRMAN OF BURMA CORPORATION (1951) LTD.

1965 - CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLES' BAWDWIN INDUSTRY.

2. ABOVE UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY EXTAFF FROM
TUN'S CURRICULUM VITAE. CANADIAN-BURMESE RELATIONS ARE
NOT FRONT-PAGE MATERIAL, AND IT DIFFICULT JUDGE TUN'S
ABILITY OR EFFECTIVENESS. HE IS PLEASANT, FRIDNELY AND
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